

REMARKS AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 2, 21, 23-26 and 29, rejected claims 34-36, and objected to claim 35. The Examiner also indicated that claim 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Furthermore, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

On February 1, 2005, the Applicants' representative, Tait R. Swanson (Reg. No. 48,226), initiated an Examiner Interview to discuss the allowable subject matter, claims 34 and 35, and a new claim 37 based on the allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that *all* of the subject matter of dependent claim 35 was *not* necessary to overcome the prior art. The Examiner proposed amending independent claim 34 to incorporate the last clause of dependent claim 35, which recited "maintaining the single continuous length of wire of each segment on the bobbin on which the wire was wound." The Examiner further indicated that this amendment was "favorable" and would overcome the cited references. Thus, independent claim 34 and its dependent claims 35-36 should be in condition for allowance. The Applicants also proposed adding a new independent claim to recite the language from the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. *See* Office Action, page 5. Again, the Examiner similarly indicated that this new claim would be "favorable" and, thus, it should be in condition for allowance. Finally, the Examiner and Applicants' representative agreed to hold another teleconference before any further office communication if the Examiner desired further discussion of the claims.

In view of the present Office Action and the Examiner Interview summarized above, the Applicants amended claims 34 and 35 and added new independent claim 37 to expedite allowance of the present application. As amended, independent claim 34 recites a portion of allowable dependent claim 35 as agreed upon during the Examiner Interview on February 1, 2005. Similarly, as discussed during the Examiner Interview, the new

independent claim 37 recites the subject matter, in its entirety, from the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. See Office Action, page 5. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Takehara. (U.S. Patent No. 6,163,952). In view of the foregoing amendment, the Applicants submit that this rejection is moot, because the Applicants have incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 35 into the independent claim 34. For these reasons, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Takehara in view of JP '119. The Examiner also noted that an English translation of JP '119 would be provided with the next Office Action. However, in view of the amendments set forth above, the Applicants submit that this rejection is moot, because the Applicants have incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 35 into the independent claim 34. For these reasons, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

New Claim

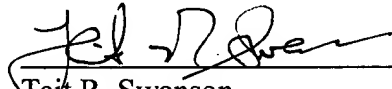
As noted above, the Applicants added new claim 37 to recite the language recited in the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. For this reason, the Applicants submit that this claim is currently in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments, remarks, and interview summary set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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